

## State of Utah

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Stuart Green American Gilsonite 29950 South Bonanza Highway Bonanza, Utah 84008

Subject: Review of Request for Partial Bond Release, American Gilsonite, Bonanza Operations,

M/047/0010, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Green:

On January 10, 2012, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining received your request for a partial release of the reclamation for the WH-17 mine site at the Bonanza Operation. During a site visit on March 16, 2012, Brett Gregory and Wayne Western determined that additional reclamation work needs to be done prior to bond release.

Before the Division can process this request, you will need to backfill the trench and pit. Once this has been done, please re-submit your Application for Site and/or Bond Release using form MR-SITE found on the Division's Web site at <a href="https://www.ogm.utah.gov/minerals">www.ogm.utah.gov/minerals</a>.

Once the Division receives your re-submitted Application for Site and/or Bond Release, we will inspect the site in a timely manner and respond to your request. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at 801-538-5261 or Leslie Heppler at 801-538-5257. In response, please reference our file number M/047/0010 regarding this project.

Sincerely.

Paul B. Baker

Minerals Program Manager

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